

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasuhisa SAKURAI et al. Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 10/593,037 Examiner: Amara Abdi
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For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETECTING DEGENERATED REGIONS
IN STAINED THIN SECTION SLIDES

LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED PTO/SB/08 FORM

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 22, 2010

Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application for allowance, the undersigned has noted that the non-patent literature cited on the PTO/SB/08 Forms filed on September 15, 2006, and December 26, 2006 were crossed out for not having an English translation. However, the reference was cited on the International Search Report which was filed with the PTO/SB/08 Form.

According to the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495, a copy of the International Search Report and of the references cited therein have been received and associated with the present application.

Furthermore, MPEP 609.04(a) entitled, "Content Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement [R-7]", Roman Numeral III. "CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE FOR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE INFORMATION," clearly states:

Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be an explanation of which portion of the reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an "X", "Y", or "A" indication on a search report.

Applicants have fully complied with the Rules and with the MPEP. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to follow the Rules and MPEP 609.04(a)III and initial the attached PTO/SB/08 again listing the non-patent literature and then return the initialed form without the strike-through line to the undersigned as soon as possible.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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